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1. All cadres and military personnel in areas where land reform is proceeding should meticulously observe the provisions of the land-reform law. Any attempts on the part of landlords to obstruct the program or violate the provisions of the law shall be promptly and severely punished. No person shall enter into collusion with landlords to hide property or accept bribes for nefarious purposes. Violators of this order shall be prosecuted.

2. In areas outside the hsien where the land-reform program is being carried out, the rent-reduction and production movements should be promoted, together with bandit suppression, special agent elimination, and opposition to evil landlords. There should be strengthening of basic governmental structure and promotion of all people's organizations, including the armed partisans groups, in preparation for the land reform to be carried forward during next 2 years.

3. Whether in land-reform areas or in other areas, all revolutionary progressive programs should be combined with rehabilitation and expansion of production.

Care should be taken to preserve industry and commerce, the income of the workers, the principle of securing the crop to the planter, ownership of land, the privilege of hiring labor, mutual bargaining over wages, and free borrowing with repayment assured and interest rates decided by agreement of parties concerned. Landlords should be prohibited from selling, mortgaging, or giving away land, slaughter of animals, felling of trees, or destruction of farming equipment or crops. Violators should be vigorously prosecuted.

4. Everyone has the duty of reporting all forms of sabotage and attempts to create disorder. It is hoped that all the people in the province will conform to these regulations to assure the success of this historic reform.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL ISSUES ORDER ON AUTUMN AGRICULTURE -- Tsinan, Ta-chung Jih-pao, 1 Sep 50

Peiping, 30 August 1950 (Hsin-hua). -- The main points of a directive of the Finance and Economic Committee of the Administration Council of the People's Government of China with regard to care of the autumn harvest and planting of winter crops are as follows:

1. Promote public consciousness of the people's responsibility for preservation of the fruits of their labors. Continue elimination of the operations of special agents with a goal of delivering the agricultural population from all losses from such sources.

2. Continue and intensify the seed selection movement.

3. Promote speed and depth in autumn planting.

4. Although expansion of winter wheat planting is being urged, land should not be planted to wheat to the exclusion of the plan for expanding cotton planting for 1951. A 20-percent expansion is planned. Wheat seed should be selected and given treatment to destroy deleterious plant disease bacteria before planting. On land where certain plant diseases have been prevalent for some time there should be a rotation of crops not affected by such disease.

5. There should be a greater effort to improve the leadership in carrying out the agricultural program.

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PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS URGE AUSTERITY ON PEASANTS -- Hong Kong, Wen-hui Pao, 25 Oct 50

Peiping, 24 October 1950 (Hsin-hua) -- The authorities of Fukien, Hupeh, South Kiangsu, and South Anhwei are in the midst of an educational campaign among the peasants of these provinces to promote better attention to production and austerity.

The campaign is occasioned by reports that since the recent harvest of a bumper crop some of the farmers have been squandering their income on superstitious worship of the gods, gambling, and extravagant gastronomical excesses. In one area the people, though ordinarily in poor circumstances, bought so much fish that the price of this commodity rose 40 percent in 10 days.

OFFICIALS NEGLECT AGRICULTURAL PLANNING -- Tsinan, Ta-chung Jih-pao, 2 Sep 50

In a number of countries in Shantung Province the leadership has failed to pay attention to the problems of the farmers in carrying out promptly the autumn harvest and autumn planting program.

In some areas there is a shortage of work animals which the authorities have failed to take notice of and find a solution for. Cadres are asleep and do not regard a few days' delay in farming operations as important. In some areas there are many families of cripples, widows, and other folk who cannot harvest for themselves. The cadres have not concerned themselves with helping these people.

SHANTUNG PEOPLE'S BANK TO MAKE FALL LOANS -- Tsinan, Ta-chung Jih-pao, 2 Sep 50

The autumn agricultural loans of the Shantung Branch of the People's Bank for 1950 will be mainly in cash, but certain amounts of grain, fertilizer, and insecticides will be loaned in kind.

The bank insists that local authorities should carefully investigate and apportion the loans according to the local needs, with regard to topography, soil fertility, prevalence of crop pests, etc.

The cooperatives should play an important part in the handling of the loans. The interest rate will be one percent one month.

FINANCE AGENCIES TO HANDLE FALL CROPS -- Chekiang Jih-pao, 18 Sep 50

The various financial and trade agencies of Chekiang Province have organized to buy up the fall crops and supply the consumers' goods the farmers will be able to purchase with their crop income. Both public and private capital and agencies are involved, and the consumer cooperatives will be mobilized to help in the collection of crops and distribution of goods. There are 350,000 piculs of cotton, 60,000 piculs of hemp, and 45,0000 piculs of autumn silk cocoons to be handled in the province.

INSTRUCTION ON PLANTING DURING LAND REFORM -- Chekiang Jih-pao, 19 Sep 50

To protect the interests of the farmers during the period of land reform the East China Military and Administrative Committee has issued the following instructions:

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1. In the areas where land reform is to be carried out this winter, under the general policy that the cultivator should reap the fruits of his labors, present planters shall determine by consultation with those who receive new title to the land as to the division of expense and income, or the new owner shall reimburse the planter for all of his costs of seed, labor, and fertilizer in putting in the winter crop.

2. In areas where land reform is not being carried out this winter, rent reduction shall be thoroughly carried out, landlords shall carry out the reduction according to the law. Opposition by landlords shall not be permitted. After the legal reductions have been made, the people should pay their rents in accord with the law.

SHORT-COURSE SCHOOLS PROSPER -- Hong Kong, Wen-hui Pao, 24 Oct 50

Mukden, 23 October 1950 (Hsin-hua) -- Short-term schools in Manchuria for the preparation of intelligent industrial and agricultural technicians have rapidly expanded from four to ten, and the number of students from 81 to 1,812.

The students in these schools are more serious minded and harder working than those in the ordinary middle schools. The chief courses are national language and arithmetic. Many students who, when they entered school, could not write a halting composition of more than 200 or 300 characters, can now write a very lucid one of 700 or 800 characters. Others who had no knowledge of arithmetic on entering school now perform the four basic operations.

Both teachers and students are confident they can easily finish the required work in the 3 years allotted for the course.

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